water to all rail passengers without distinction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) In the second class coaches generally, there is continuous ingress and egress of the passengers it is not practicable to maintain separate supply of drinking water inside the coaches. However, adequate drinking water arrangements have been made for the passengers at the platforms/stations.

Drinking Water arrangements at stations have been strengthened over the years by providing water coolers of varying capacity, a large number of water stands with multiple taps/single point taps suitably spaced on platforms, water huts, water trolleys, etc. At small stations, drinking water arrangements are ensured through matkas, tube-wells, ring wells, buckets, hand-pumps, etc. Requisite complement of permanent watermen is also available as a back-up for maintenance and supply of drinking water arrangements.

Services of social voluntary organisation are also obtained to supplement the railway's efforts. Donation of water coolers from private parties is also being accepted. The strengthening of the arrangements as per requirement is a continuous process. In upper class coaches, drinking water as additional facility is provided.

Sanction of Posts of PGT (Commerce) in Kendriya Vidyalayas

231. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Kendriya Vidyalayas where only one (or) two PGTs (Commerce) have been sanctioned as on 1st April, 1996;

(b) whether in some Kendriya Vidyalayas the second post of PGT (Commerce) has since been withdrawn; and

(c) if so, the details and justifications thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) There are 124 and 19 Kendriya Vidyalayas having one and two PGTs of commerce respectively as on 1.4.1996.

(b) and (c) Second post of PGT (Commerce) has been withdrawn from Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 1, Indore keeping in view the requirement of Kendriya Vidyalaya.

Amendments to the Indian Veterinary Council Act

232. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a representation from the General Secretary, Veterinary Service Federation of India, Pune urging amendments to the various provisions of the Indian Veterinary Council Act, to make it more friendly to the rural farmer, rural livestock and poultry and nongraduate Veterinary practitioners in rural areas has been received;

(b) If so, whether Government are favourably considering the proposed amendments; and

(c) If so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) There is no proposal for moving an ammendment to the Indian Veterinary Council Act, 1984 for the present.